the approval *»i* the National Land Use and Wastelamde Development Council recently which involves a shift in policy, e»phasis on decentralisation an* increasing people's involvement i» the afforestation programme. The key elements of the Action Plan are: decentralised people's nurseries, more of farm forestry and less *oi* b*ock plantations by government depaitment, emphasis on regeneration of snub forest area, including fodder development through tending and seeding, larger afforestation by the State Forest Development Corporations, captive plantations on wastelands by forest-based industries and strip plantations by the respective departments alongside raiiways, roads and canals. Industries would also be encouraged to develop fuelwood and fodder plantations on wasteland distant from habitats, with a need to develop fuelwood for community use as weil as not to disturb existing com-mun

ddition, efforts are being to reduce fuelwood consumption through more efficient use and by increased utilisation of alterna sources of energy, such as:—

(1) promotion of bio-gas plants.

(2) promotion of solar coo

(3) introduction of fuel-el chulhas.

(4) development and | of fuel-efficient crematoria.

encroachment on Reserve Forest

Land in Kerala and other States

1817. SHRI B. SATYANAR.V REDDY.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of encroachment in the reserve forest 'and In Kerala and other States in the country;

(b) whether Government have framed any scheme or guideline the States to evict such persons from the illegal possession of the reserve forest land in the interest of forest development and ecology;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(6) whether the Central Government propose to give financial assistance *to* the States *to* rehabilitate such persons after their eviction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THEJ MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a.) Kerala has reported that estimated aiea under encroachments is 20805 hectares. Total area of forest reserve land under encroachment in other States and Union Territories exclud-{ ing Sikkim and Mizoram is reported ot be 6,79,827 hectares.

(b) and (c) Guidelines have been ail States that an assessment of the extent of such encroach-n fnts be ma ie and it be ascertained as to how this can be controlled.

No, Sir,

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Signal System and Middle Verges on road near Kalkaji Bus Depot

SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister of HOME AF) . u pleased to state:

'her it is a lact that near the Kaifcaji bus depot crossing and near J.K. Automobiles *in* A and B block (Road No. 2, Okh'a Industrial Art -II) no signal system and min ges on road have been pro-
vided.

(b) whether it is also a fact that t of these provisions has led to *mi:.ny* fatal accident, if so, the number of accidents in the last *one* year on these roads:

t steps have been taken to minimi, h accidents in future by provision of middle verges and signal on the road?